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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT BY CNO TO TURKEY

1. DURING FOURTH INTERNATIONAL SEAPOWERS SYMPOSIUM IN NEWPORT, ADM. YUMUK EXTENDED ADMIRAL FIRAT'S PERSONAL INVITATION FOR CNO HOLLOWAY TO VISIT TURKEY. CNO HAS TENTATIVELY ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA (PROPOSED FOR NOVEMBER) AND WOULD LIKE TO VISIT TURKEY ON SAME TRIP, IF ACCEPTABLE FROM POLITICAL STANDPOINT. IF VISIT TO BOTH TURKEY AND YUGOSLAVIA MATERIALIZES CNO BELIEVES A VISIT TO GREECE WOULD ALSO BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE. HOWEVER, GREECE HAS NOT ISSUED INVITATION.

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2. WE ARE INCLINED TO FEEL THAT CNO SHOULD ACCEPT TURKISH INVITATION. HIS VISIT WOULD REPRESENT THE KIND OF APPROPRIATE SERVICE LEVEL CONSULTATION BETWEEN ALLIES THAT SHOULD HAVE CONTINUITY REGARDLESS OF GREEK-TURKISH FRIC-TIONS. IN PRESENT STATE OF CHRONIC IRRITATION BETWEEN THESE TWO ALLIES, WE ARE UNLIKELY TO FIND A CRISIS-FREE MOMENT FOR HIGH LEVEL EXCHANGES. UNLESS SPECIFIC HEIGHTEN-ING OF TENSIONS CAN BE FORESEEN FOR NOVEMBER-DECEMBER PERIOD, THAT TIME WOULD APPEAR AS GOOD AS ANY FOR CNO VISIT. WE ALSO FEEL IT WISE

TO SHOW SIGNS OF CONTINUING INTEREST IN TURKEY, WHILE TUR-KISH DCA HANGS FIRE IN CONGRESS. CNO ACCEPTANCE OF ADMIRAL FIRAT'S INVITATION WOULD HELP GIVE IMPRESSION OF FORWARD MOTION.

3. OUR INSTINCT IS TO GIVE GREEKS OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE CNO DURING NOVEMBER-DECEMBER TRIP, BUT ONLY WHEN AND IF CNO'S ACCEPTANCE OF TURKISH INVITATION IS DEFINITE AND HOPEFULLY AFTER CURRENT DISPUTED SEISMIC SURVEY OPERATIONS IN AEGEAN HAVE ENDED AND GREEK DCA NEGOTIATIONS ARE CON-CLUDED. WE WOULD NOT WANT NEWS OF CNO TRIP TO TURKEY TO COMPLICATE ALREADY SENSITIVE AND DIFFICULT AEGEAN SITUATION OR TO DISTURB CURRENT DCA DISCUSSIONS WITH GREEKS.

4. FOR ANKARA: REQUEST YOUR VIEWS ON ADVISABILITY OF CNO VISIT IN NOVEMBER-DECEMBER. IF YOU AGREE THAT VISIT IS APPROPRIATE, DOD WILL PROCEED WITH ACCEPTANCE OF INVITA-TION AND DISCUSSION OF TIMING THROUGH SERVICE-TO-SERVICE CHANNELS.

5. FOR ATHENS: IF CNO ACCEPTS TURKISH INVITATION, WOULD HELLENIC NAVY BE LIKELY TO OFFER GREEK INVITATION? DO YOU SHARE OUR CONCERN THAT PREMATURE DISCLOSURE OF CNO VISIT TO TURKEY MIGHT LEAD TO GREEK CONCLUSION THAT VISIT IS RELATED TO AEGEAN DISPUTE OR SOUR ATMOSPHERE IN GREEK DCA NEGOTIATIONS; OR IS TIMING LESS SENSITIVE THAN WE SUPPOSE? HABIB

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